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**Claim Amendments**

Please kindly make the following changes to the claims. Cancel claim 3. Amend claim 1.

1. (currently amended) A radially expandable stent comprising a wire having a substantially uniform hydrogel coating layer thereon the thickness of the coating has a relative standard deviation of no greater than about 10 percent.
2. (original) The stent of claim 1 wherein the layer has an average dry coating thickness of about 0.01 micrometer to about 25 micrometers.
3. (cancelled).
4. (original) The stent of claim 1 wherein the layer further comprises a biologically active agent.
5. (original) The stent of claim 4 wherein the biologically active agent comprises a substance selected from the group consisting of dipyridamole, heparin, anti-platelet drugs, anti-thrombogenic drugs, anti-proliferative drugs, anti-mitotic drugs, and combinations thereof.
6. (original) The stent of claim 1 wherein the layer provides a hydrophilic surface.
7. (original) The stent of claim 1 wherein the layer provides a biocompatible surface.
8. (cancelled)
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10. (cancelled)

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11. (cancelled)
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